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In re Application of:  
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Filed: September 23, 1999  
For: CYLINDER LOCK-KEY-COMBINATION

DECISION ON PETITION  
37 C.F.R. 1.144

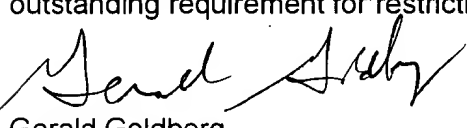
This is a decision on the Petition from requirement for restriction, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.144, filed September 10, 2001.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

A review of the record indicates that the instant petition was filed concurrently with a request for a Continued Prosecution Application and a preliminary amendment to the claims. In response to the preliminary amendment and the request for Continued Prosecution Application, the Examiner issued a first Office Action, mailed December 4, 2001, in which the prior requirement for restriction (made final in the Official Action mailed June 14, 2001) was superseded by a new requirement for restriction.

Inasmuch as the facts of the instant petition are directed to a different requirement for restriction, the instant petition is dismissed as moot.

The instant application will be returned to the examiner to await Applicants' response to the outstanding requirement for restriction.

  
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